

**MINUTES
CITY OF ST. CHARLES
LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2019, 4:30 PM**

1. Call to Order.

The meeting was called to order by Liquor Commissioner Rogina at 4:30 pm.

2. Roll Call.

Members Present: Ald. Silkaitis, Fran Zollers, Ald. Vitek,

Absent: Robert Gehm

3. **Motion to accept and place on file minutes of the Liquor Control Commission meeting held on February 19, 2019.**

Motion by Ald. Silkaitis, second by Ald. Vitek to accept and place on file minutes of the Liquor Control Commission meeting held on February 19, 2019.

Voice Vote: Ayes: Unanimous; Nays: None. Commissioner Rogina did not vote as Commissioner. **Motion Carried**

1. **Recommendation to approve Late Night Permits for Class B, C and D licenses of the City of St. Charles for FY 2019/2010.**

Chief Keegan presented the annual renewal of late night permits for Class B, C and D liquor license holders. He explained that establishments seeking a 1am or 2am permit have to go through renewal every year. This year there were 23 late night permit requests, 19 B licenses, 4 C licenses, 10 are looking to stay open until 1am and 13 until 2am. Chief Keegan said that he spoke to all the department heads and there is nothing outstanding. He noted that there were 2 liquor violations in the past year and both were financial and not conduct related. There were no warning letters sent out. Chief discussed the police activity noting that there are a couple locations with a higher volume of reports and arrests. He said those are the highest volume taverns and overall yields no more than one police report every two weeks which he feels is not excessive. He said he's very happy with the way the Police Department monitors the business and entertainment districts. Chief Keegan recommended that the late night permits be issued.

Ald. Silkaitis said that Alley 64 and the Alibi seem to have a high number of reports and arrests. He asked who files the complaints. Chief Keegan said it could be a number of things from a fight, a fictitious ID, someone with an outstanding warrant, etc. He noted that they are the establishments with the largest square footage and draw more patrons.

Ald. Sikaitis said he's concerned with the perception of what's going on with the Alibi and Alley 64.

Chief Keegan said that he encourages the bars to call the police if there is a problem. He doesn't want the bar to think that if they call it's a mark against them. Chief Keegan gave some examples of calls to the Alibi, credit card fraud, check for well-being, domestic disturbance, trespass orders, theft, etc. Not all the calls are the typical bar fight.

Ms. Zollers asked if there is a thought by the public that these are easy touches. Chief Keegan said they draw a younger crowd and do better later at night. He said they have dealt with both bar owners extensively and put an abatement plan into effect with the Alibi last year and the activity has decreased.

Ald. Silkaitis asked that Chief Keegan bring additional information to the Committee meeting showing information for the previous years. Chief Keegan said he would bring at the next meeting later that day.

Chief Keegan indicated that he feels very comfortable recommending the approval of the late night permits. He indicated that there has been a lot of progress made since he's been with the City and the Police do an outstanding job.

Roll Call: Ayes: Unanimous; Nays: None. Commissioner Rogina did not vote as commissioner. **Motion Carried.**

1. Motion by Ms. Zollers, second by Ald. Vitek to recommend the approval of Late Night Permits for Class B, C and D licenses of the City of St. Charles for FY 2019/2010.
2. Public Comment.
3. Executive Session (5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(4)).
4. Adjournment.
Motion by Ms. Zollers, second by Ald. Vitek to adjourn the meeting at 5:21 pm.

Voice Vote: Ayes: Unanimous; Nays: None. Commissioner Rogina did not vote as Commissioner. **Motion Carried**

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